

Table 6.38

Source of firearms possessed by State prisoners during current offense

United States, 1991 and 1997

Source of firearms	Percent of State prisoners who possessed a firearm during current offense	
	1991	1997
Total	100%	100%
Purchased or traded from retail outlet	20.8	13.9
Retail store	14.7	8.3
Pawnshop	4.2	3.8
Flea market	1.3	1.0
Gun show	0.6	0.7
Family or friend	33.8	39.6
Purchased or traded	13.5	12.8
Rented or borrowed	10.1	18.5
Other	10.2	8.3
Street/illegal source	40.8	39.2
Theft or burglary	10.5	9.9
Drug dealer/off street	22.5	20.8
Fence/black market	7.8	8.4
Other	4.6	7.4

Note: See Note, [table 6.35](#).

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Firearm Use by Offenders*, Special Report NCJ 189369 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, November 2001), p. 6, Table 8.